

as highway superintendent, and shall execute an official bond in the sum of at least twenty-five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties and for accounting for all money and property which may come into his hands as such officer. Said bond shall be approved by the highway commission and said highway superintendent shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor be elected and qualified, except that the said highway commission may, for good cause, remove said highway superintendent from his office, and elect a successor for the unexpired term. Said highway superintendent shall enter upon his duties and work when and where directed by the said highway commission and shall have such authority and perform such duties as may from time to time be determined by said highway commission, in accordance with the provisions of this act. Said superintendent shall prepare the necessary specifications for each of the highways to be constructed and improved under the provisions of this act, and no road shall be constructed or improved except in accordance with such specifications and no person shall receive any compensation for work upon any highway of Cumberland County until said work has been inspected and found in accordance with specifications and approved by the highway superintendent.

Term of office.

Power of removal.

Entrance on work.

Authority and duties.

Specifications for work.

Work inspected and approved.

SEC. 15. That said highway commission shall require said superintendent to report to it as often as it may deem necessary and shall also require the treasurer to account to it twice annually and as many more times as said commission may deem necessary for all highway funds, and may require as often as it may deem best, reports from officers and employees concerning their progress in their duties, and to what extent and in what manner they have performed the same.

Reports and accounts.

SEC. 16. It shall be unlawful for any person, performing the duties of a highway commissioner or road superintendent to be directly or indirectly interested financially in any contract relating to the public highways of Cumberland County. In considering all bids and offers made to it, said highway commission may require such bonds or deposits as will guarantee a faithful performance of contracts, and may, in its judgment, reject any and all bids made to it.

Interest of officers in contracts forbidden.

Bonds and deposits on contracts.

SEC. 17. That in opening new highways, widening and straightening old roads and repairing the same, the highway commission, through its agents and servants, are authorized to enter upon any lands and locate and build such highways, and, if the highway commission and the owner or owners of said land can not agree as to the damages, if any, the said highway commission shall, within thirty days after said highway is completed, or, if the highway commission fail to act, the owner or owners shall cause to have appointed by the clerk of the superior court of Cumberland County three disinterested and competent freeholders, who reside in Cumberland County, who shall go upon the lands and assess damages and

Entry on land for construction.

Procedure for assessment of damages.